

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please amend the abstract as follows:

An automatic cycle storage system comprising: ~~a plurality of cycles~~ [[(1)]], each of which carries a blocking device [[(8)]] and an electronic circuit; ~~at least one~~ a cycle storage area [[(7)]] serving to receive the cycles [[(1)]] while they are not being used; and ~~at least one~~ a control device [[(2)]] adapted to authorize, selectively, cycles to be borrowed from the storage area. The control device and the cycle are each provided with a respective short-range wireless communications interface, and the cycle includes an electrical lock device adapted to lock the blocking device in the blocking position.